

Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives

Los Angeles County Floodplain Management Plan Update

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Protect life, property, the economy and the environment of Los Angeles County by identifying and communicating risks and sustainable actions to reduce flood hazards.

Goals

- Protect life, safety, property and economy.
- Work with local citizens and watershed management groups so that residents understand the flood hazard of the region based upon best available data and science.
- Increase resilience of infrastructure and critical facilities.
- Account for flood risk in land use and planning.
- Preserve, enhance or restore the natural environment's floodplain functions.
- Encourage the development and implementation of long-term, cost-effective and environmentally sound mitigation projects.

Objectives

- Work cooperatively with public agencies with responsibility for flood protection, and with stakeholders in planning for flood and inundation hazards.
- Utilize best available data, science, and technologies to improve understanding of the location and potential impacts of flood hazards.
- Provide state, county, local agencies, and stakeholders with updated information about flood hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation measures.
- Create a public outreach strategy.
- Discourage new development in known flood hazard areas or ensure that if development occurs in those areas, that it is done in a way as to minimize flood risk.
- Consider open space land uses within known flood hazard areas.
- Provide the highest degree of flood hazard protection at the least cost by working with environmentally friendly, natural systems, and by using prevention as the first priority.
- Retrofit, purchase, and relocate structures in known flood hazard areas, especially those known to be repetitively damaged.
- Provide flood protection by maintaining flood control systems.
- Sustain reliable local emergency operations and facilities during and after a flood event.
- Consider climate change implications in planning for flood and inundation hazards.